From: "Chris Keller" <ckeller4501@verizon.net>

Subject: RE: [GPML] Alert: Assault in Garrett Park Friday night

Date: October 26, 2009 2:33:06 PM EDT

To: "'Elizabeth Henley'" <garrettpark2@comcast.net>

Post under announcements, but with a short expiration date; say, Monday the 2nd.

From: Elizabeth Henley [mailto:garrettpark2@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 2:24 PM

To: Chris Keller

Subject: Re: [GPML] Alert: Assault in Garrett Park Friday night

Enough to be sent on the GPML or shall I post under "Announcements" --? EH

On Oct 26, 2009, at 2:02 PM, Chris Keller wrote:

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Detectives Investigate Assault on Path in Garrett Park

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police 2nd District Investigative Section are investigating an assault that occurred on Friday night in Garrett Park.

At approximately 7:13 p.m. on October 23, 2nd District units responded for the report of an assault near Strathmore Avenue and Raleigh Avenue. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 27-year-old Kensington woman was walking on the paved path along the eastbound side of Strathmore Avenue near Raleigh Avenue. She had come from the Grosvenor Metro. The suspect grabbed her from behind, there was a short struggle, and the victim was able to break free. The suspect was last seen running westbound on the path. The victim called police from her mobile phone. She was not injured. The victim reported that just before the attack; she was aware that someone was approaching from behind but thought it was a jogger.

The suspect is described as possibly a light-skinned African-American or Hispanic male, 5' 8" to 5' 11" tall, and having a thin to medium build. The victim stated that the suspect had a thin moustache and was wearing a dark-colored short sleeve shirt at the time of the attack. 2nd District officers as well as a K-9 unit searched the area for the suspect but he was not located.

The victim reported seeing passing motorists just after the assault when the suspect was fleeing. Anyone who may have witnessed this crime is asked to call the 2nd District Investigative Section at **301.657.0112**.

Montgomery County Police want to remind residents of the following crime prevention strategies:

- Know your route and plan your evening commute or exercise regimen knowing that this is the time of year when we lose approximately one minute of daylight each evening.
- Be aware of your surroundings and remain alert by avoiding the use of headphones, mobile phones, or other electronic devices.
- If you think you are being approached and it is safe to do so, cross the street.
- Make sure family members or friends are aware of your schedule and route.
 - Carry a mobile phone to summons help if necessary.

Note to Garrett Park Residents – The Town has renewed its request to the Montgomery County Police that we receive notice of extraordinary incidents more promptly so that we can alert residents quickly, to the benefit of both residents and the police.

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